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## NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

***Filing Date Granted***

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- The Claim(s) commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.75(h)).
- Abstract must be on a separate sheet.

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS**

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, attached hereto are 3 replacement pages of claims in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.75(h) that requires the claims to commence on a separate page and 1 replacement Abstract page that will commence on a separate page. A copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers is also attached. Applicant respectfully requests these pages

replace the originally filed pages and that the U.S. Patent and Trademark acknowledge acceptance of same.

Applicant believes there is no fee due for this filing. However, if a fee is due, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-1829.

Respectfully submitted,

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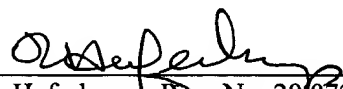
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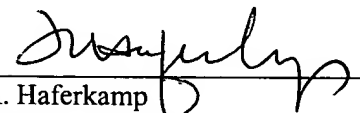
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LETTER

Submitted herewith, in accordance with MPEP §609, 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, are Transmittal of Information Disclosure Within Three Months Of Filing Of Before Mailing Of First Office Action (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) and PTO Form-1449. PTO Form-1449 lists those references which were submitted in the prior related applications and/or cited by the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that all of the references listed thereon be printed on a patent issuing from the above-identified application.

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